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PATENT  
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In re application of:

Steven BALL

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METHOD FOR OBTAINING MODIFIED  
POLYSACCHARIDES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Mail Stop AF

December 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 20, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.